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IN THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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1. THE VOTE BY THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
IN FAVOR OF A PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO CONTINUED
TO RECEIVE HEAVY COVERAGE IN FRIDAY (SEPT 19) EDITIONS
OF THE TURKISH PRESS. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE EDITORIAL COMMENT.

IN A WASHINGTON DATELINED STORY IN MASS CIRUCLATION
HURRIYET, DOGAN ULUC REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE VOTE
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ON THE RESOLUTION TO LIFT THE EMBARGO HAD

BEEN AVOIDED IN

THE FULL HOUSE BECAUSE "PRO-GREEK REPRESENTATIVE ROSENTHAL SAID HE WOULD INTRODUCE A COUNTER-RESOLUTION ON THIS SAME SUBJECT." HE ADDED THAT "POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN WASHINGTON BELIEVE THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD NOT EASE TURKEY'S PROCUREMENT OF ARMS IN THE LONG RUN...(SINCE)/ PRESIDENT FORD, WHILE URGING DISSENTERS TO VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION... HAS AGREED TO CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE EMBARGO RESOLUTION... ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS IN THE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR HOUSE APPROVAL FOR MILITARY MATERIAL EXCEEDING 25 MILLION DOLLARS TO BE PURCHASED BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THE FINAL WORD IN SELLING ARMS TO TURKEY WILL REST WITH THE U.S. CONGRESS..."

3. AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN HURRIYET ON THE HOUSE COMMITTEE VOTE COMMENTED: "WE DO NOT KNOW HOW FAR WE CAN DEPEND ON NEWS DISPATCHES COMING FROM THE UNITED STATES. IN FACT, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT EVEN THE STATEMENTS OF KISSINGER, WHO IS ONE OF THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE VOICES IN HIS COUNTRY, WITH RESPECT TO THE U.S. CONGRESS CANNOT BE DEPENDENT UPON MUCH.. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INTENDS TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO IMPOSED ON TURKEY. BUT THIS WILL NOT RESTORE THE SITUATION TO ITS PREVIOUS STATE..."

4. WRITING IN THE MASS CIRCULATION GUNAYDIN RESIT ASCIOGLU NOTED: "EVERY TURK HAS BECOME AN EXPERT ON THE EMBARGO... DAY AFTER DAY, WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE EMBARGO. THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS HAVE PASSED WITH THE QUESTIONS 'WAS THE EMBARGO LIFTED? WILL THE EMBARGO CONTINUE?'...THE SENATE LIFTED IT, BUT THE HOUSE DID NOT LIFT IT...THANKS TO THE EMBARGO WE HAVE LEARNED MUCH. FIRST OF ALL, WE LEARNED THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN BASES IN OUR COUNTRY...WE HAVE LEARNED WHAT MILITARY AID MEANS. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THE WAY THE U.S. CONGRESS OPERATES...."

5. IN A FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL IN LIBERAL REFORMIST MILLIYET ABDI IPEKCI WROTE: "THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR A PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO...GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT A FINAL DECISION WILL BE REACHED ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE IMPRUDENT TO CONSIDER THIS (MOVE) AS FINAL... UNCLASSIFIED

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OUR COUNTRY IS IN THE POSITION OF EXPECTING ITS ALLIES, THE UNITED STATES IN PARTICULAR, TO FULFILL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS TURKEY IN ORDER THAT TURKEY CAN SHOULDER ITS RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE JOINT DEFENSE SYSTEM. THIS WILL NEVER BE DONE UNLESS THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED COMPLETELY AND TURKEY IS ASSURED THAT IT (THE EMBARGO THREAT) WILL NOT BE USED AS A TOOL OF PRESSURE IN THE FUTURE. THEREFORE, TURKEY STILL RESERVES, AND SHOULD RESERVE, THE RIGHT OF FREEING

ITSELF FROM RESPONSIBILITIES IT SHOULDERED BEFORE THE EMBARGO WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NATO...IF THE VIEW (OF THE COMMITTEE) IS ALSO ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE ONLY POSSIBLE COMMENT...IS THIS: THE AMERICAN CONGRESS HAS STARTED TO REALIZE ITS MISTAKE...IF THE OPTIMISM EXPRESSED IN THIS COMMENT IS REALISTIC, ONE CAN THINK THAT THIS WILL BE THE FIRST STEP, AND THE EMBARGO WILL BE LIFTED COMPLETELY. THE FACILITATING OF A SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS AND THE RESTORATION OF TURKEISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS DEPENDS UPON THE REALIZATION OF THIS OPTIMISTIC VIEW."

6. AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN THE PRO-JUSTICE PARTY AMQET WAS THE MOST HARSH COMMENT ON THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE VOTE. IT SAID: "THIS (HOUSE COMMITTEE) DECISION IS THE MOST LAUGHABLE ACT OF A COMEDY. FOR A LONG TIME TURKEY HAS BOUGHT ARMS IN THE UNITED STATES. IF WE ARE NOT MISTAKEN, TURKEY HAS PAID 185 MILLION DOLLARS IN ADVANCE FOR THESE ARMS...HOWEVER, THEY HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT EVEN GIVEN BACK THE MONEY WE PAID FOR THESE ARMS, LET ALONE THE ARMS THEMSELVES. EVEN THE MAFIA COULD NOT DO SUCH A THING/..THEY COULD DO BETTER IF THEY STAGED THIS COMEDY IN ONE OF THE THEATRES."
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